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MEMORANDUM FOR: Dr. Henry A. Kissinger
Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

SUBJECT : Soviet Judgments About US
Military Strategy and Forces

REFERENCE : Your Memorandum of 13 November 1969

1. In your 13 November memorandum you asked for a brief assessment of Soviet perceptions of US strategic forces and doctrines and the ways in which these perceptions enter into the formulation of Soviet military policy.

2. The attachment to this memorandum sets forth some of the more important aspects of what we know and do not know on this subject. It outlines the nature of the evidence and our analysis and discusses several general categories of Soviet decisions.

3. Please note that the document contains references to particularly sensitive sources.

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Richard Helms
Director

Attachment:

How the Soviets View US
Strategic Policies and Forces
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CONCUR:

/s/ R. J. Smith

15 DEC 1969

R. J. SMITH
Deputy Director for Intelligence

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